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Jersey City, NJ – Today, Congressman Sires announced that the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs awarded Hudson County a Fiscal Year 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) of \$621,462.

“As a strong supporter of the JAG program, I am pleased that Hudson County will receive this critical funding that is capable of supporting a variety of important crime fighting initiatives,” said Congressman Sires. “With the JAG award, Hudson County has more resources to prevent crime in its communities,” added the Congressman.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program was created to increase federal support to aid states and localities in their fight against crime. This program allows states to use funding to address the most pressing local needs through a range of activities. Hudson County plans to use its award to purchase new technology and equipment to improve its law enforcement programs. The award will also be used to fund overtime and provide training for law enforcement officers.